

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC 141201-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [ ] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2074 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

## **RELOCATION OF STORMWATER POND AND BERM TO CREATE ADDITIONAL AREA FOR EXISTING LANDFILL NEAR SORRENTO, LOUISIANA IN ASCENSION PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** BFI Waste Services of Louisiana, LLC, c/o C-K Associates, Attn: Mr. Tre' Wharton, 17170 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located on an approximate 34-acre parcel, adjacent to an existing approximate 140-acre landfill site, in Section 42, Township 10 South, Range 3 East, at 5328 LA Highway 70, near Sorrento, Louisiana, in ASCENSION Parish, as shown on the enclosed drawings (Latitude 30.1411917 N Longitude -90.8570389 W). This project is located in USGS Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 08070204- Lake Maurepas HUC.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** Clear, grade, excavate, place and maintain fill material for the relocation of a stormwater pond and its associated perimeter berm, laydown area, and appropriate access road. This project was previously advertised under Joint Public Notice on December 1, 2014 with a smaller proposed impact on wetlands. The applicant is proposing to clear and grub an approximate 34-acre parcel adjacent to the southwestern corner of an existing landfill. The proposed 6.9-acre and 6.2-acre stormwater ponds will be excavated to a depth of approximately 22 feet. The proposed laydown area and perimeter berm will encompass approximately 6.1 acres and 14.8 acres, respectively. The project purpose is to expand the existing landfill facility into the current stormwater pond cell area and to relocate and construct new stormwater ponds with appurtenances. The project will create additional landfill airspace and increase the operational life of the landfill for approximately an additional 15-20 years. Approximately 74,090 cubic yards of clean earthen fill material would be placed in jurisdictional areas for the construction of the access roads and perimeter berm and 391,850 cubic yards of earthen material would be excavated for the new stormwater pond construction.

This excavated material will be placed in the laydown yard area and allowed to dry. The dried material would be utilized for landfill operations such as capping the cells. Approximately 34 acres of jurisdictional forested wetlands would be permanently impacted as a result of project implementation. The applicant has claimed that the project has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts as much as possible. The applicant is proposing to compensate for the unavoidable impact by purchasing mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: **REGULATORY BRANCH**. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing to the project manager or clicking on the project manager's name on the public notice grid on the web page. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. Letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of NA acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

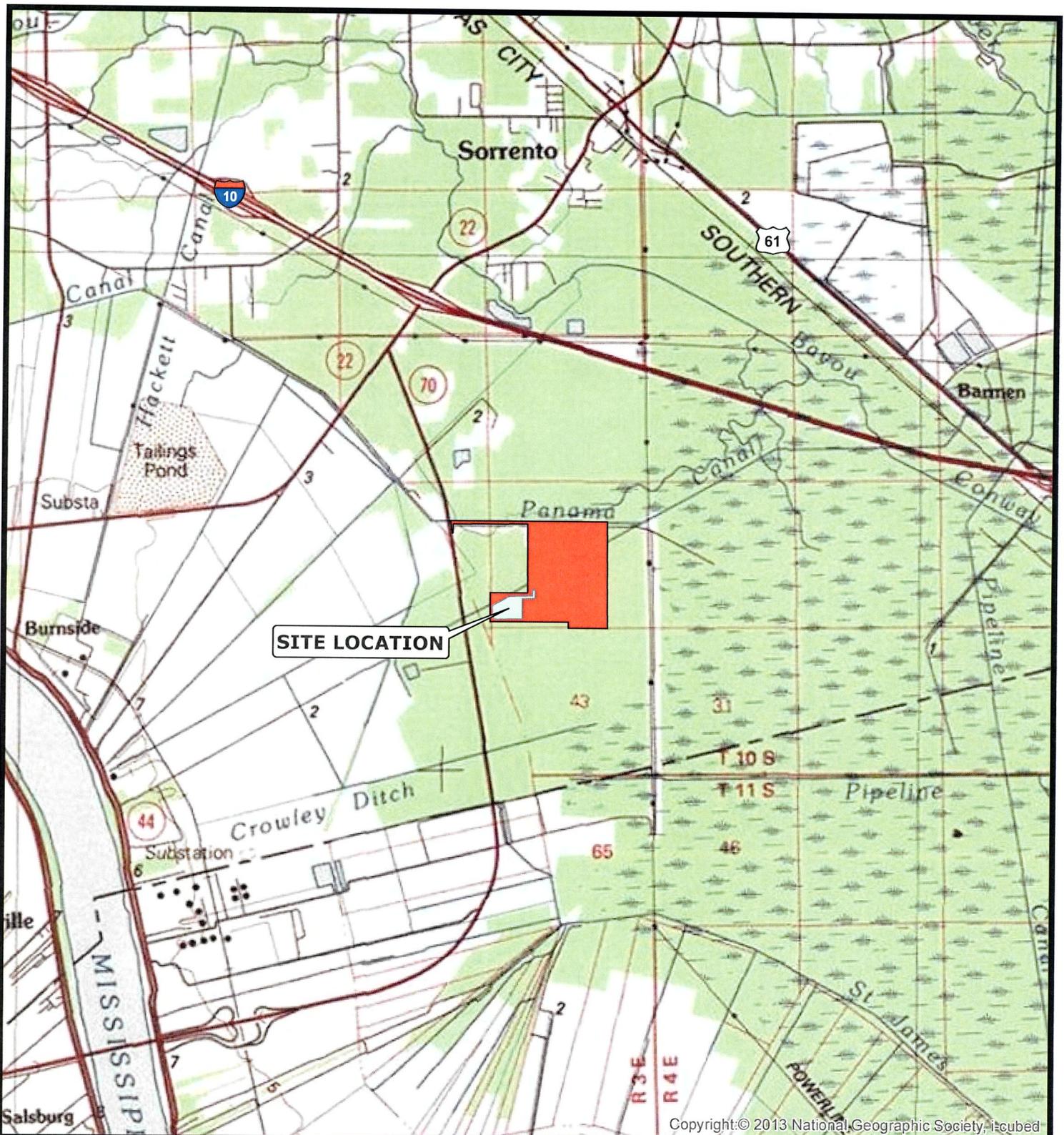
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

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Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



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Reference  
U.S.G.S. 100K SERIES QUAD MAP, PONCHATOULA, LA



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SORRENTO, LOUISIANA

STORM WATER POND RELOCATION

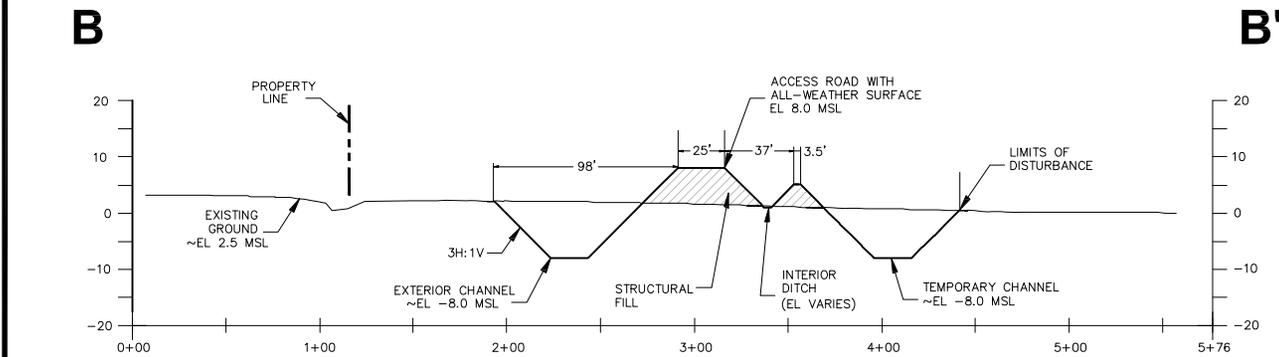
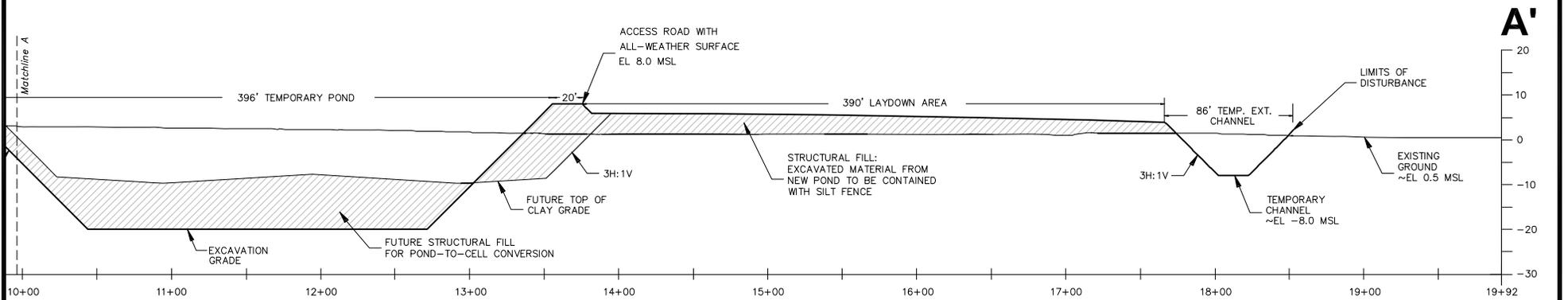
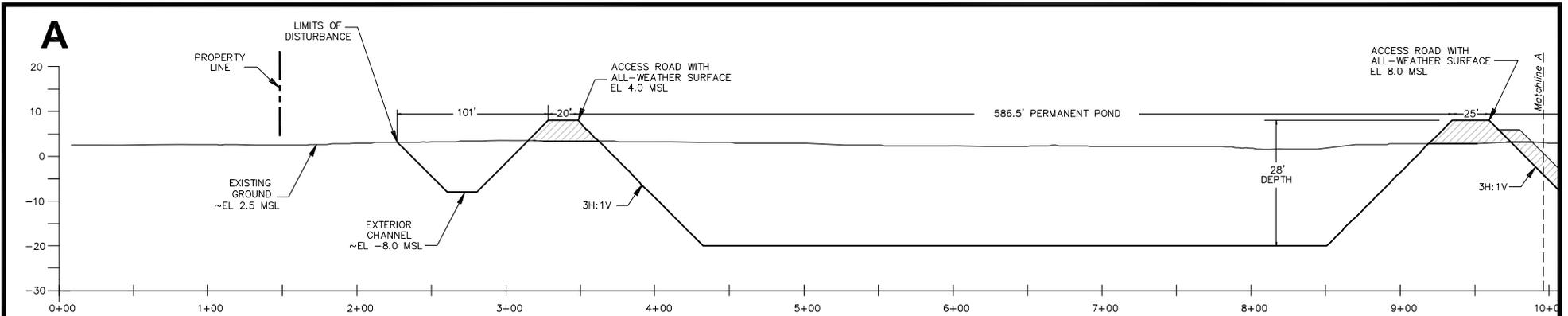
**SITE LOCATION MAP**

ASCENSION PARISH

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| Checked:  | BLN          |
| Approved: | TEW          |
| Date:     | 10/21/14     |
| Dwg. No.: | A9653-07     |

**FIGURE 1**





**REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.**  
SORRENTO, LOUISIANA

STORM WATER POND RELOCATION

**CROSS-SECTIONS  
A-A' AND B-B'**

ASCENSION PARISH

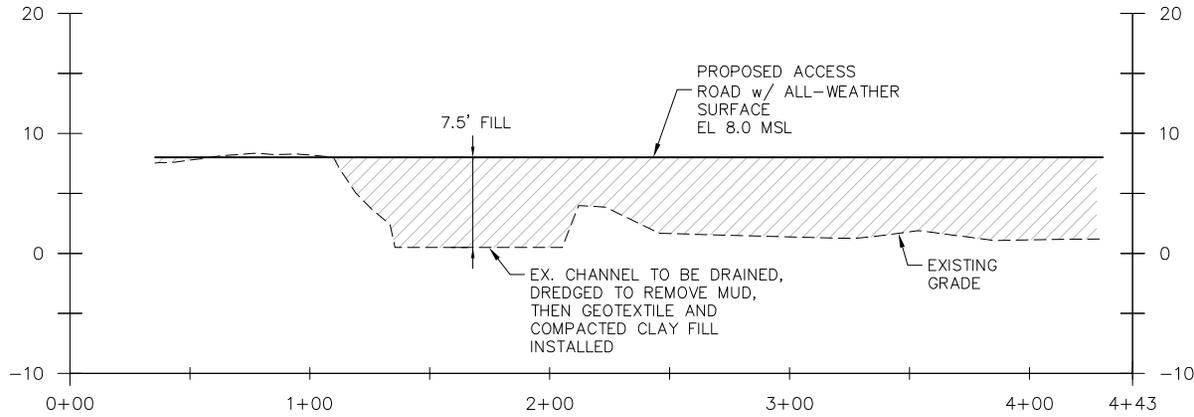
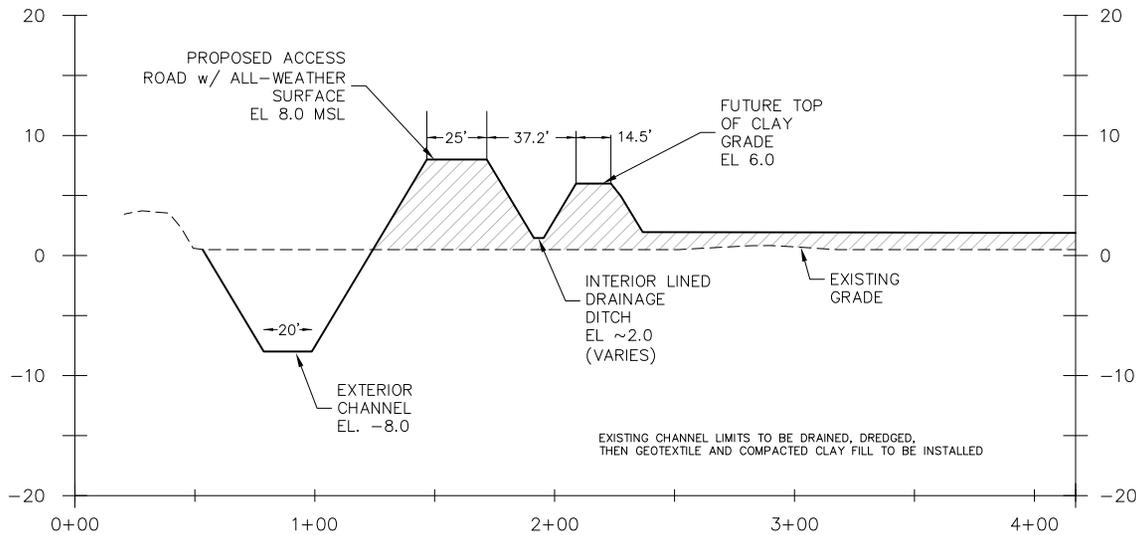
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**FIGURE 4**

NOTE: Derived from drawing by Terracon, Aug. 2015.

Drawing Not To Scale



**C****C'****D****D'**

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SORRENTO, LOUISIANA

STORM WATER POND RELOCATION

**CROSS-SECTIONS  
C-C' AND D-D'**

ASCENSION PARISH



Drawn: CAL/ACAD

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Approved: TEW

Date: 09/01/2015

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**FIGURE 5**